



Background:

- (1) The results of the U.S. Navy's new and recently completed Africa Partnership Station (<http://www.c6f.navy.mil/APS/>) mission and other aspects of the Navy's support to AFRICOM in West and Central Africa;
- (2) U.S. and allied efforts to counter piracy, unlawful fishing, oil bunkering and other irregular and transnational threats;
- (3) enhance stability and secure freedom of navigation for the benefit of all nations; and
- (4) conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster response operations to mitigate human suffering.
- (5) future plans for U.S. Navy Africa Partnership Station missions

Here are some stats on the success of APS 2008:

- Engaged 14 West and Central African nations
- Over 1500 maritime professionals participated in over 1700 sessions of courses of instruction
- Hosted 79 ship riders from 10 nations
- Multi-national/multi-agency staff and trainers composed of Maritime - Professionals from eleven nations, three U.S. services (USN/US Marine Corps/US Coast Guard), multiple agencies (US Department of State/US Department of Energy)
- Conducted information sharing operations with four West and Central African nations (Cameroon/Cape Verde/Ghana/Senegal)
- Conducted coordinated MPA (aircraft) patrols with Nigeria and Senegal
- Successfully completed a sea-basing demonstration off the coast of Liberia that demonstrated the Improved Navy Lighterage System and delivered over \$3M worth of HA materials to the citizens of Monrovia.
- Deployed/delivered 30 weather drifter buoys provided by US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to increase our understanding of the Gulf of Guinea's oceanography and trained partners on their use

- Transported and donated over 1 Million high nutrition meals provided by Project HANDCLASP. Coordinated delivery of these meals through partnerships with NGOs and interagency partners.
- Rendered assistance to two vessels stranded at sea - used contacts made/training conducted through APS to successfully complete these life-saving missions
- Partnered with PROJECT HOPE and Joint Military Medical Team (USAF/USA/USN) to provide medical outreach for 410 patients and dental outreach for 759.
- Over 620 internal and external media stories were released, over 200 news agencies observed APS in action
- 112 band performances in 9 countries for an estimated 41,500 people
- First known US Navy engagements in Equatorial Guinea and Lobito, Angola. First US Navy Theater Security Cooperation engagements in Nigeria